Resolutions passed at the Municipal Conference.

12. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the resolutions passed at a conference of the Chairmen of Municipalities held in Trivandrum last year;

(*b*) if so, what are those resolutions;

(*c*) whether action of Government was called for in respect of all or any of those resolutions; and

(*d*) if so, in respect of which of those resolutions, and what action has been taken by the Government in regard to the same?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). The attention of the member is invited to the Government Proceedings R.O.C. No. 1587/43/LGA dated the 13th February 1945 containing the resolutions passed by the Conference and the orders of Government thereon. The Proceedings have been published in the Government Gazette dated the 13th February 1945, and a copy of it is placed on the Secretary's table.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether there was a resolution requesting Government to empower the municipalities to levy tolls?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether that request was granted?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: It was not allowed.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know the reason why it was not granted?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Government do not consider it necessary to grant that request.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: May I know whether contributions are made to municipalities from the toll collections?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: No. Sir.

Alwaye Municipal funds.

13. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints about the mis-appropriation and falsification of accounts of the funds of the Alwaye Municipality;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether any enquiry has been held by any Judicial, Police and Audit Officers; and

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether they have submitted any report?

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Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have asked the Division Peishkar, Kottayam, the Inspector General of Police and the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts to conduct enquiries and to start prosecutions when called for.

(*c*) The reports have been received and the matter is under consideration.

Rent Control Order.

14. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed**: Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of the application of the Rent Control Order of 1119?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: The Travancore House Rent Control Order, 1120 has been made applicable at present to the following areas namely:—

1. Alleppey Municipality.
2. Alwaye Municipality.
3. Kottayam Municipality.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed: May I know why the Rent Control Order has not been made applicable in places where the rent has gone high?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: If the rent has gone high in any place and if Government are informed about it necessary steps will be taken by Government to extend the Rent Control Order to that place.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed: Is not the rent in Trivandrum a bit higher than in previous years?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: That information has not been brought to the notice of Government.

Mr. K. C. Chandy (*Thodupuzha* cum *Minachil*): May I know whether the Travancore Advocates' Association have not informed Government of the increase in rent in Trivandrum and the introduction of the Government Rent Control Order for the capital on that account?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: I am not aware of that.

Rent Control Order.

15. ***Mr. K. C. Chandy**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) to what all places the operation of the Rent Control Order was extended by notifications;

(*b*) whether there is any special reason why the same was not extended to the Corporation limits of the City of Trivandrum; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of the existence of circumstances justifying such extension to the City of Trivandrum as well?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) The Travancore House Rent Control Order, 1120, has been made applicable at present to the following areas namely:—

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